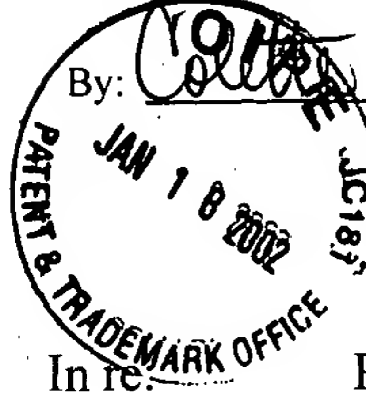


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LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN RE PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENT

Subject to the approval of the Primary Examiner, applicant proposes to amend the drawings as shown on the attached copy of the drawings. In Figure 8, reference numeral 108 was added as shown on the attached Figure 8 to indicate the other branch of the branched pathway. In Figure 1, reference numeral 12 was added as shown on the attached Figure 1 to designate the reformed gas pathway. These amendments are believed to overcome the Examiner's drawing objection, and approval of the correction is respectfully solicited. A formal drawing incorporating the proposed changes will be submitted after receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

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